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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein said ligand
comprises a positively charged group.

7. (Twice Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said particles
of adsorbent comprise an agarose matrix and a central core comprising quartz and dextran
chains covalently coupled to said agarose matrix, on which is attached said positively
charged group.